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Title: Need to start proposed daily Express train service from Palani to Chennai and daily passenger train service from Palani to Tiruchendur in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): During the last Railway Budget two new trains were announced viz. a daily Express train from Palani to Chennai and another daily passenger train from Palani to Tiruchendur in Tamil Nadu. They attract a large number of devotees from all over the country and abroad throughout the year. At present there is no direct rail connection from Palani to Chennai and as a result devotees are compelled to travel by Omni bus services by paying heavy bus fares and it also causes inconvenience to ladies and children.

Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railway to arrange to start both the train services without any further delay.